

**Joint Meeting of the Camden Select Board
and Camden Budget Committee
Minutes of Meeting
March 5, 2010**

Select Board Attendance: Chair Karen Grove, Vice-Chair Deborah Dodge, Anita Brosius-Scott, John French, Morgan Laidlaw and Town Manager Roberta Smith.

Budget Committee Attendance: John Arnold, Randy Stearns, Rick Bates, Kristen Bifulco, Steve Durrell, Tom Philip, Kimberly Taliadouros, Anita Zeno, Frank Carr, James Heard, Bernanrd Predham, Edward Doudera, Ken Kohl, Sandy Cox, James Ostrowski, Sidney Lindsley, Bob Oxton, Parker S. Laite, Jr., Christopher Lowe, and Donald Herrick

Absent Members: Jeff Lewis, John Fitzpatrick, Rose Laite and Bernice Berger

Select Board Chair Grove called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. The members introduced themselves.
2. Manager Smith summarized the responsibilities of the Budget Committee for the newly elected members. The Budget Committee meets during the month of March to make recommendations and vote on the proposed budget prepared by the Town Manager. The recommendations of the Committee must be adopted by the Select Board in April. The recommendations of the Budget Committee and Select Board will be reflected in the town meeting warrant for the benefit of showing what has been recommended for voters for the Annual Town Meeting.
3. Review and discussion of Tax Rate and Spending Cap Information: Manager Smith reviewed with the Budget Committee the tax rate and spending cap information. She went over the LD1 and its effect on Camden's municipal spending limitations and she reviewed how she processes the budget to reach the goal of staying within the spending cap.
4. Presentation and general overview of FY11 Budget.
5. Elect Chair & Vice-Chair for The Budget Committee:

James Heard made a motion to nominate Edward Doudera as Chairman of the Budget Committee. Anita Zeno seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 20-0-0 vote.

Edward Doudera nominated Bernard Predham as Vice Chair of the Budget Committee. Tom Filip seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 20-0-0 vote.

Tom Filip made a motion to adopt Roberts Rules of order as the means to conduct the meeting and seconded by James Heard. The motion passed on a 20-0-0 vote.

At 8:10 p.m., a motion was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed on a 20-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted

Melissa A. Geary